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**FOR:** OPTICAL SCANNING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF REDUCING VARIATIONS IN SHADING AND IMPROVING LIGHT USAGE

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**AUTHORIZATION**

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